

1. (Amended) A swab, comprising:
a handle defining a longitudinal axis, the handle being elongated and having a cleaning head end and a grasping end, the cleaning head end defining a securing region,
the handle having a bore therein at the securing region; and
a cleaning tip, the cleaning tip being formed from a plurality of extruded, compressed fibers formed by pulling the fibers through a die compressing the fibers into a substantially rigid, elongated cleaning head, the cleaning head being secured to the handle at the cleaning head end, the handle and cleaning tip defining a longitudinal axis,
the cleaning tip being snugly fit within the handle bore.
2. The swab in accordance with claim 1 wherein the cleaning tip is formed from polyester fibers.
3. Cancelled.
6. The swab in accordance with claim 1 wherein the cleaning tip is secured to the handle by ultrasonic welding.
7. (Amended) ~~The A swab in accordance with claim 1, comprising:~~
a handle defining a longitudinal axis, the handle being elongated and having a cleaning head end and a grasping end, the cleaning head end defining a securing region; and
a cleaning tip, the cleaning tip being formed from a plurality of extruded, compressed fibers formed by pulling the fibers through a die compressing the fibers into a substantially rigid, elongated cleaning head, the cleaning head being secured to the handle at the cleaning head end, the handle and cleaning tip defining a longitudinal axis,
wherein the handle is a hollow tubular member defining a central bore and the cleaning tip is formed having a shape and a dimension for inserting into the handle bore forming a non-bending swab.